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SNAPSHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Young Short was only five feet two. The girl was only four feet and six. And, though they are would bill and coo. No kissing ever was done. The parting he would never prolong. But hastily would say "Good-bye long."

—Philadelphia Record.

Dr. Ruskin Lowe was in Kansas City Friday.

H. E. Mayer, of Wichita, is visiting in Topeka.

Judge R. F. Hayden has returned from Holton.

R. H. Tracy, of Wamego, is in town for a short visit.

Edwin L. Bailey wishes to be divorced from Maggie Bailey—cause desertion.

G. S. E. (Gavitt's Stock Exchange) certainly advertises Topeka and is the great society game in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Anna Bain left last night for Colorado Springs where Mr. Bain will stay a month for the benefit of his health.

James L. King, state librarian, will be home next week from Baltimore, where he represented the Topeka Elk club at the national convocation.

One hundred people were caught in the rain at Vinewood park last night on account of a car leaving the track and staying off until midnight. The safest way to go to Vinewood is by carriage.

The Beloit club says "Mr. John J. Fritts, and Mrs. Fritts are in Beloit on a visit to his father Mr. G. W. Fritts and her mother Mrs. M. M. Garwood, who are both on the industrial school staff."

Monte Campbell's blind trotting horse, "Jim Underwood," took first money in a race at Joliet, Ill., Friday. The fastest heat was won by "Jim Underwood" who has been entered in his class races at the Topeka fair.

Neva McCurdy wishes the district court to divorce her from John M. McCurdy. She claims the marriage ceremony was performed in a mock manner and that her supposed husband deserted her immediately after their marriage.

Ralph McKinney, formerly a Topeka newspaper reporter and since with the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is visiting in Topeka on his way to Beloit, where he will farm. McKinney is one who has discovered that some farmers make more money than some newspaper men.

The season of play going will start one week from tomorrow night at the New Cravens hotel. The house has been made to chill the house by ice and electric fans. Many of the theaters in the large cities are now open. "An Orphan's Prayer" in which Nellie DeCoursey, the petite soubrette, is seen to advantage, will be the first attraction here.

The Shawnee County News, published at Roseville, says: "Newville is now the headquarters for two new nursery firms. Mr. Tom Oliver, of Topeka, has leased eighty acres of the DeViney land, and Mr. Taylor, also of Topeka, secured eighty acres from Tim Emert, and the land, which lies just west of town, is being put in condition for the nursery stock. Both gentlemen have had years of experience in the nursery business in Kansas and have never met with failure."

The following little jingle has been composed and dedicated to Kansas by the New York "harvest hands" who have been drifting into the state the past six weeks looking for "best snaps." It is not particularly classical, but it is expressive of the feelings of the youths who expected to be supplied with fans, umbrellas, ice cream, and beer while they watched the sheaves of golden grain drop from the reaper tables:

"When the harvest days are over, Jessie dear,
We'll have had enough of labor, never fear.
And you bet we'll never wait
Till we're back in old York state,
When the harvest days are over, Jessie dear."

Big Suit Over Water Rights.

Honolulu, Aug. 8.—Judge DeBodt, of the territorial circuit court today refused to grant the restraining injunction asked for by the Hawaiian Commercial company of Specklebeville, the largest sugar plantation on the islands, against the Waluku Sugar company, both of Maui Island. The litigation involves water rights of the value of several hundred thousand dollars, the sources of the water being in the mountains. Upon the

FOR CHEAPER GAS

City Council Passes a Natural Gas Franchise.

Continental Gas Company Secures the Concession.

END OF A BITTER FIGHT

Ways and Means Committee Favors Rohrer Ordinance.

Its Champion Prevents Its Passage Through Pique.

At 12:30 this morning, the city council meeting in special session finished up the contest for a franchise to pipe natural gas to Topeka by passing the franchise ordinance of the Continental Gas & Oil company by a vote of 7 to 4, and defeating the S. B. Rohrer franchise ordinance by a vote of 6 for and 5 against. Seven votes were necessary for the passage.

Rohrer would have been granted a franchise had he not stated to the council that he did not want one if the council gave one to the Continental company. The council took him at his word, and turned down his ordinance, after passing the Continental franchise.

The vote on the Continental franchise was as follows: For—Blossom, Griley, Snyder, Wolf, Weber, Tischer and Shimer (7) against—Kutz, Nell, Nellis and Swenson (4).

The vote on the Rohrer franchise was: For—Kutz, Nell, Nellis, Weber, Shimer, Tischer, (5); against—Blossom, Griley, Snyder, Wolf, Swenson, (5).

The fight was one of the most interesting and spirited which ever took place in the council chamber. Councilman Swenson dug up a bunch of figures and made a speech. He was opposed to the Continental franchise because the company was chartered in Arizona, and because it had realized only \$9,000 from the sale of \$40,000 shares which had been sold at \$1 apiece. He said that the company would only get \$150,000 in cash out of its \$1,000,000 capital stock, and charged that it was proposing to build a gas line for such a sum.

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"I think it is a very proper question to raise at this time," replied Mr. Swenson.

"What's the capital stock of this other company, and how much money have they got?" demanded Councilman Wolf of Councilman Swenson.

"You can take that up when the time comes," replied Mr. Swenson.

The only amendment made to the ordinance was one in section 10, reducing the limit in which the company must file \$1,000 worth of stock. The franchise was then passed by a vote of 7 to 4.

Just as the vote on the passage of the ordinance was about to be taken, Councilman Swenson said:

"I'd like to ask Mr. Rohrer if he would try to push his franchise ordinance further in case the Continental franchise is granted."

Several councilmen objected to this system of catechizing, and it took a vote of the council to agree to let Rohrer answer. In reply Rohrer said:

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"Never mind," said Mayor Bergundthal in a fatherly tone, "the gentleman is here, and he hasn't made any objection to considering this ordinance. He may decide to take it. I'm in favor of settling this whole business right now."

The ordinance was adopted section by section, but when the final vote came on its passage it was defeated, though Councilman Swenson's vote was counted.

The council adjourned at 2:30 this morning, and walked home.

M'GOVERN'S FRIEND.

Says the Little Fighter Is in Good Shape Again.

Cincinnati, Aug. 8.—Maxey Loeb, the well known New York sporting man, who is a close friend of Terry McGovern, is in town.

Mr. Loeb is on his way from the south to New York City. He says that McGovern is in good shape and that he has been in the ring early next fall. Sam Harris, McGovern's manager, will be a theatrical magnate for sure the coming season. Harris is a member of the firm of Sullivan, Harris & Woods, of Broadway, New York. They will have about ten different productions on the road this season.

"McGovern can retire from the ring whenever he feels like it," said Mr. Loeb. "He has made a fortune in the fighting game and knows how to save money better than any fighter I know of."

SHE BROKE HER LEG.

Manhattan Girl Had a Fall From a Haymow.

Rock Creek, Kan., Aug. 8.—Miss Maude Fuller, of Manhattan, sustained an accident last evening which resulted in the breaking of her leg. She had climbed to the haymow on the farm of Thomas Turner, and in attempting to get down slipped with the above results.

Want an Interurban Line.

Winfield, Kas., Aug. 8.—Committees from Winfield, Wellington and Arkansas City met in this city to discuss the building of an interurban railway to connect the three towns. It was decided to perfect an organization in the near future. J. Mack Love, of Arkansas City, submitted a proposition from a St. Louis firm offering to build the road if franchises in each city could be secured. Another meeting will be held here next week.

ing the committee meeting, and the seven councilmen present signed a waiver of the two-hour notice rule. The call specified 11 o'clock as the hour for meeting, but it was 11:15 when the councilmen were seated in the council chamber and the fight commenced.

The report of the ways and means committee recommending the passage of the Rohrer ordinance was read, and Councilman Swenson moved its adoption.

Councilmen Griley and Blossom filed a minority report, recommending that the Continental franchise be recalled from the committee.

The motion to adopt the favorable report passed by a vote of 7 to 4. Mr. Griley moved that the Continental franchise be recalled from the committee, and this also carried, in spite of Mr. Swenson's protests and points of order. Swenson claimed that the call had no committee report on the Continental franchise, and could not consider it.

PARLIAMENTARY TANGLE.

Councilman Griley moved that the council proceed under suspension of rules to consider the Continental franchise, and on this motion the vote stood 7 for and 4 against. While Mayor Bergundthal was trying to decide whether seven votes were enough, under the code, to suspend the rules, he came to the conclusion that Griley's motion to suspend the rules was out.

"It isn't necessary to suspend the rules," said the mayor. "If the council wants to take up this Continental franchise now, it can do so without suspending the rules. The ordinance has already passed its first reading, and is back in the hands of the council for any action desired."

"You haven't any report from the committee on this franchise and you can't consider it," insisted Swenson vehemently.

Councilman Weber lined up the forces by moving that the council take up the consideration of the Continental franchise. This was not going at all as Councilman Swenson had planned, and he was considerably excited about it. But Weber's motion passed by a vote of 7 to 4. Kutz, Nell, Nellis and Swenson being the opposition.

SWENSON'S LAST STAND.

The reading of the Continental franchise commenced, and it was adopted by section. On the last section, Councilman Swenson dug up a bunch of figures and made a speech. He was opposed to the Continental franchise because the company was chartered in Arizona, and because it had realized only \$9,000 from the sale of \$40,000 shares which had been sold at \$1 apiece. He said that the company would only get \$150,000 in cash out of its \$1,000,000 capital stock, and charged that it was proposing to build a gas line for such a sum.

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MR. DAWSON HEDGES.

Modifies His Statement About Government Lands.

The officials of the government land office say that there is still a considerable amount of good government land open to settlement in western and northwestern Kansas. A few days ago Assistant Attorney General Dawson was quoted as saying that most of the good agricultural land is gone, and what is left is good chiefly for grazing purposes. He says he was referring to Trego county and that there is still considerable land in other counties which is good for wheat.

Mr. Dawson has been looking up the public land question for some time and is now getting a clearer view of much that is still unsettled. In speaking of it today he said:

"The bumper wheat crop and the flattering prospects for a corn crop have given a decided impetus to the settlement of government lands in western Kansas. The demand for harvest hands brought twenty-five thousand able-bodied men into the state. The colleges and young millionaires whom curiosity and the pursuit of novelty brought into the state have departed, but thousands of the others will become permanent residents and of these a considerable number will use their homestead rights by settling on the government lands in the west. Already there have been considerable demands for government lands, and now that the harvest is practically over, the United States land offices are getting ready for a rush. There are many thousands of acres of homestead land in western Kansas which may be had for the nominal fee of registration."

W. E. Ward, register of the Colby land office says: "We can furnish homesteads for 500 farmers in this district and the land is all good for farming and grazing."

"We have nearly 200,000 acres of government land in this district," writes O. L. Atherton of the Wa-Keeney land district. "And it is practically all good wheat land. The young men who came into the wheat belt for harvest work desire to stay in it and are inquiring about homesteads. They are filing on them too. I believe that every good quarter section of government land in this district will have a settler on it before snow flies."

Following is a list by counties and acres of the homestead land open for settlement in the Colby and Wa-Keeney land districts:

Colby land office—Cheyenne, 63,600; Decatur, 800; Mitchell, 13,800; Rocks, 40,000; Rowles, 13,800; Rocks, 1,040; Sheridan, 520; Sherman, 11,800; Thomas, 440. Total, 96,800 acres.

Wa-Keeney land office—Rocks, 40; Ellis, 1,135; Trego, 320; Grove, 25,720; Logan, 1,135.

Bright's Disease and Diabetes News.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.

To Topeka Drug Co., Topeka, 732 Kansas avenue:

Dear Sirs—There are daily occurrences in this city that ought to be known all over the world. A guileless old gentleman, an octogenarian, a distant relative of Robert Fulton of first steamship fame, has saved the lives of hundreds (probably thousands) and they were believed to be beyond human aid. His discovery is undoubtedly the long-sought cure for Bright's Disease and Diabetes.

This is not easy of belief and it is the purpose of a number of kind friends and professional men of this city (of whom I am one) to tell the people. You are hereby authorized to tell all those in your city who have either Bright's Disease or Diabetes that nearly nine-tenths of them can recover. Among the business men who are giving moral and financial support and who would give neither if the above was not strictly true, are Hon. D. M. Burns, president Candelaria Mining company; Edward Mills, president Bullock & Co. company; Capt. Roberts, president Boca & Loyalist R. R. Co.; Thos. Kirkpatrick, capitalist; D. E. Bender, capitalist; W. C. Price, capitalist; Wm. Sharp, capitalist; C. W. Clark, capitalist, and many others. The pamphlets herewith are to be given to all inquirers without charge. They give the complete history of our long and exhaustive investigation. Yours truly,

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630 Kansas Ave.

COLLISION IN HELL GATE.

Schooner Yacht Celeste and Excursion Boat Carroll Meet.

New York, Aug. 8.—In the swift current of Hell Gate a collision has occurred between the schooner-yacht Celeste and the excursion boat Howard Carroll which came near costing the lives of Isadora J. Boardman, city attorney's daughter, and her mother. Both boats were badly injured, and the captain of the Celeste, the captain of the excursion boat passed on without waiting to find out what damage had been done to the yacht or its crew. The party on the Celeste were taken on board a launch after the collision and early today recovered the body of a police station in New York. The child was unhurt.

There were 300 passengers aboard the Howard Carroll, homeward bound from a resort on Long Island sound. They became wildly excited over the collision but quieted down when it was learned the vessel was all right.

The yacht did not sink and was towed to Port Morris after the sailing party had been taken off. The Carroll's captain declares he was not to blame in the matter.

AN EARNEST APPEAL.

United States Asked to Co-operate in Saving Chinese Patriots.

New York, Aug. 8.—An earnest appeal to the United States government through Secretary Hay, asking co-operation with the British ambassador in Shanghai in saving the lives of the patriotic Chinese reformers now under his protection, has been made in a telegram just forwarded by the Chinese Empire Reform association, of New York.

Kwai Fang, secretary of the association said:

"The Reform party is not against the government; we only want better government. We are for the emperor, who shares in our desire but we are opposed to the dowager empress, because she is opposed to everything that will disturb the old regime. There are 3,000 members of our association in New York and its branches in America. The association's total membership is six million."

"We make the appeal to the secretary of state with confidence, for we believe that Americans thoroughly understand the present situation in China and are in sympathy with the reform movement."

Weekly Bank Statement

New York, Aug. 8.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans, \$312,657,100; increase, \$3,832,600. Deposits, \$312,272,500; increase, \$3,414,800. Circulation, \$13,916,900; increase, \$3,400. Legal tenders, \$7,813,900; decrease, \$2,972,900. Specie, \$17,841,900; increase, \$1,103,800. Reserves, \$2,658,300; decrease, \$1,863,300. Reserve required, \$25,068,125; increase, \$900,700. Surplus, \$1,587,075; decrease, \$1,472,000. Ex-U. S. deposits, \$30,910,800; decrease, \$469,425.

SUNDAY EXCURSION

To Wathena Chautauqua via Rock Island System.

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Marshall's Band

Concert at Vinewood Sunday evening. H. E. BARNES, Secretary.